

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An armrest assembly comprising:  
a stationary tube for attachment to a chair, the stationary tube comprising recesses in an internal face;  
a movable tube inserted in the stationary tube, the movable tube defining an aperture;  
an armrest installed on the movable tube;  
a detent for insertion into one of the recesses of the stationary tube through the aperture of the movable tube;  
a rod put in the movable tube, the rod defining a recess for receiving the detent, the recess of the rod comprising a shallow portion and a deep portion; and  
a lever connected with the rod and installed on the armrest in order to move the rod so as to control the detent, **wherein the armrest defines an aperture, wherein the lever defines an aperture aligned with the aperture of the armrest, wherein the rod is inserted in the movable tube through the aperture of the lever and the aperture of the armrest.**

Claim 2 (original): The armrest assembly according to claim 1 comprising a pad installed on the armrest.

Claim 3 (original): The armrest assembly according to claim 1 wherein the armrest comprises two bearings formed thereon, wherein the lever comprises a shaft supported on the bearings.

Claim 4 (original): The armrest assembly according to claim 1 wherein the armrest defines an aperture, wherein the lever comprises a button extending through the aperture of the armrest.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): The armrest assembly according to claim ~~[[5]]~~ **1** comprising a pin driven through the rod and supported on the lever.

Claim 7 (original): The armrest assembly according to claim 6 wherein the lever defines two recesses for receiving two ends of the pin.

Claim 8 (original): The armrest assembly according to claim 1 comprising an elastic element for connecting the rod with the movable tube.

Claim 9 (original): The armrest assembly according to claim 8 comprising a plug fit in the movable tube, wherein the elastic element connects the rod with the plug.

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Claim 10 (original): The armrest assembly according to claim 1 comprising a sleeve attached to the armrest in order to cover the movable tube.

Claim 11 (original): The armrest assembly according to claim 10 wherein the sleeve and the armrest are made as one piece.

Claims 12-19 (canceled).